



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name!**

September 12, 2021 9:00 A.M.  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

*Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.*

All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

Thank You for Serving Today:

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch  
**Proclamation Minister:** Rev. Larry Wright  
**Lector:** Ron Walter  
**Cantor:** Hannah Boyd  
**Greeting & Ushering Ministry:** Thomas & Amanda Bright, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Judy Millard, Scott Rice, and Joan Searles  
**Videography Ministry:** Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Casey Taylor, & Nancy Taylor  
**Music Director:** Dr. Joseph Holt  
**Organist:** Dr. James Walton  
**Altar Guild:** Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips and Steve & Peggy Ragan

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**Congregation Council President:** Ann Greenwood  
**Council Members:** Eloise Dettmer (Vice President), Sandra Brinker (Secretary), Amanda Bright, Grace Kaarre, Gail Lidinsky, Joan Searles, and Nancy Taylor

#### Staff

**Operations Manager:** Tami Page  
**Preschool Director:** Amanda Grados  
**Sexton:** Jason Page

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara & Katie Bolon in memory of Bob Bolon.

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*The following are noted throughout the service:*

*P: Presiding Minister*

*L: Lector*

**C: Congregation**

**NOTE: This service is being live-streamed.** While we try to avoid filming congregants, it may happen at times. During communion, the right side of the sanctuary will be filmed. Those who do not wish to appear in the video may choose to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in D Major, Op. 23 #4*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

WE STAND

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

### OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*  
Verses 1 & 4

ELW 660

# Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## WE STAND

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie

Liturgist and then congregation



0 Lord, have mercy. 0 Lord, have mercy.



0 Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



0 Christ, have mercy. 0 Christ, have mercy.



0 Christ, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



0 Lord, have mercy. 0 Lord, have mercy.



0 Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE - Congregation & Cantor (next page)**

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 116:1-9**

Refrain

**C: <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

**<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

Refrain

**C: <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

**<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.**

**<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

**<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.**

Refrain

**SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

L: A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth



come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.  
<sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

WE STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can

they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

WE SIT

**SERMON**

Rev. Larry Wright

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Will You Come and Follow Me*  
Verses 1, 4, & 5

ELW 798



## *The Summons*

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a sequence of eight notes: B-flat (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), and B-flat (quarter). The notes are written on a five-line staff with a single flat symbol at the beginning.

1	"Will	you	come	and	fol	-	low	me	if	I	but	call		
2	"Will	you	leave	your	-	self	-	be	-	hind	if	I	but	call
3	"Will	you	let	the	blind	-	ed	see	if	I	but	call		
4	"Will	you	love	the	you	you	hide	if	I	but	call			
5	Lord,	your	sum	-	mons	ech	-	oes	true	when	you	but	call	

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (quarter). A slur is placed under the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, C5).

your	name?	Will	you	go	where	you	don't
your	name?	Will	you	care	for	cruel	and
your	name?	Will	you	set	the	pris	- 'ners
your	name?	Will	you	quell	the	fear	in -
my	name.	Let	me	turn	and	fol	- low

The first staff of music is written on a five-line treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains six measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F4 (quarter). The notes are connected by a single slur line.

know	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
kind	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
free	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
side	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same?
you	and	nev	-	er	be	the	same.

Will you let my love be shown,	will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare,	should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean,	and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found	to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go	where your love and

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (half), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), Bb5 (half), and C6 (quarter). A slur is placed under the Bb4 and C5 notes.

name	be	known,	will	you	let	my	life	be
tract	or	scare?	Will	you	let	me	an -	swer
this	un -	seen,	and	ad -	mit	to	what	I
world	a -	round,	through	my	sight	and	touch	and
foot -	steps	show.	Thus	I'll	move	and	live	and

grown	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
pray'r	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
mean	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
sound	in	you	and	you	in	me?"
grow	in	you	and	you	in	me.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE SIT

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine,  
water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your  
presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new  
creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other  
disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and  
curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for  
all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex  
needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma  
themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WE STAND

**PEACE** *(feel free to greet your neighbor with a word of peace)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

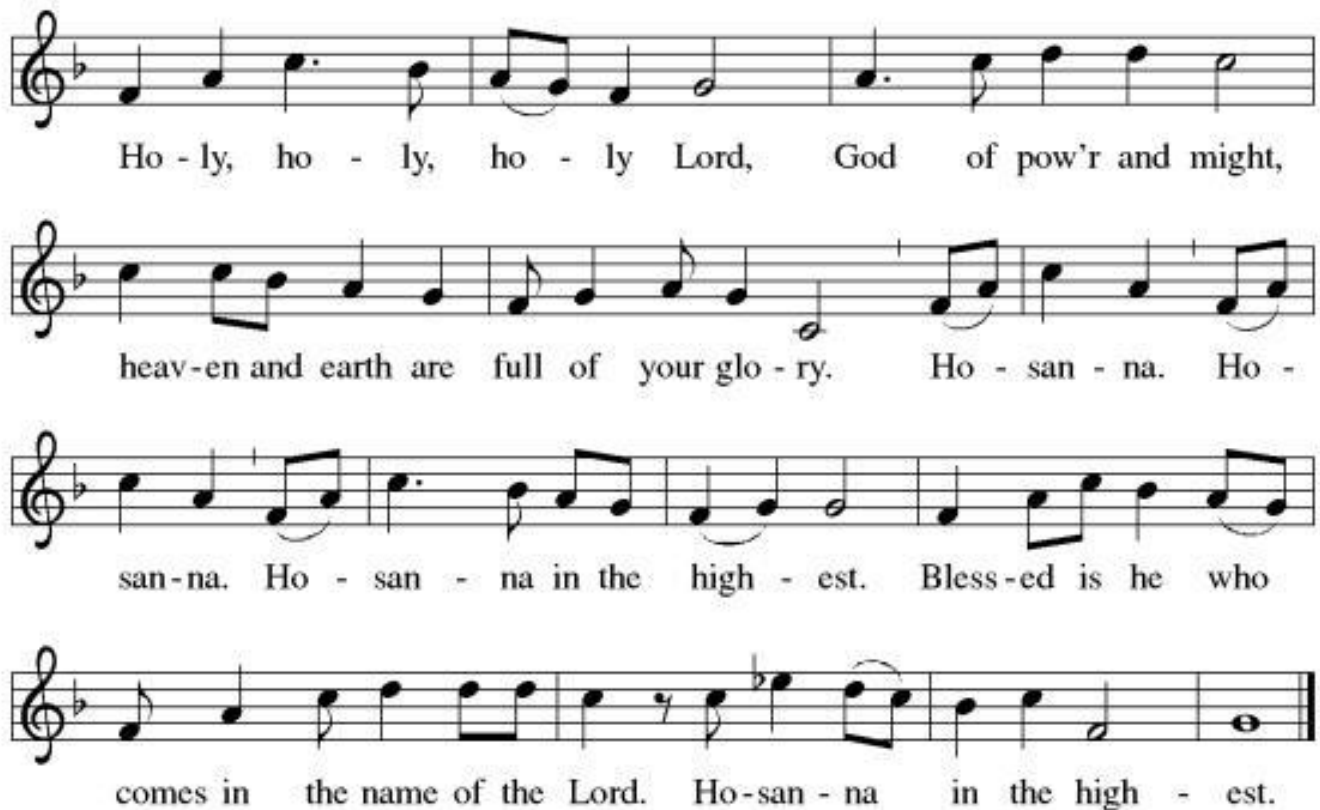
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and  
archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hannah Boyd, Soloist

*At this time ushers will invite you to come forward for your communion cup.*

*Please return to your pew, where we will commune together, with the words,  
"the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Verses 1 & 2

ELW 733



# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

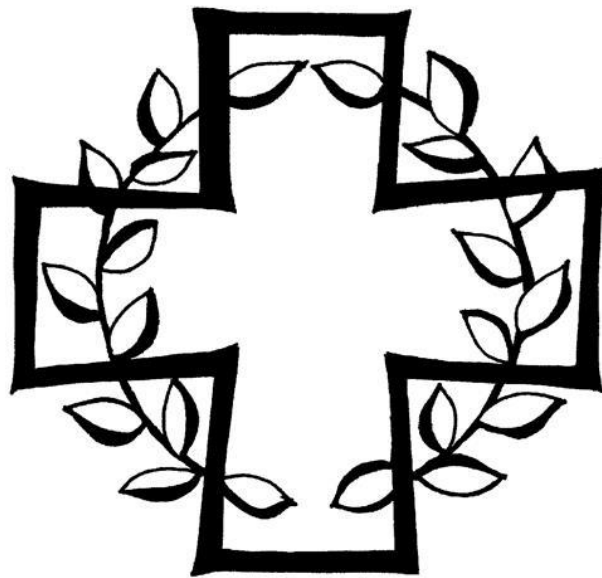
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Violin Concerto, BWV 1042*

J.S. Bach

*We kindly ask you to remain seated until the usher signals your row.*



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